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TAGS: RH, UK, PDEV

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO CANADA

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON AND I MADE IN-
STRUCTED APPROACH TODAY AUGUST 9 TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY GOLDSCHLAG, IN ABSENCE MINISTER
AND UNDER SECRETARY.

2. GOLDSCHLAG PROMISED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESPOND
BEFORE AUGUST 12 MEETING IN LONDON

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3. GOLDSCHLAG PROBED PARTICULARLY HARD AT PARA 11 C ON
THE UN ZIMBABWE FORCE. ITS ROLE WOULD LOOK DIFFERENT, HE
POINTED OUT, DEPENDING ON WHETHER THERE WERE OR WERE NOT
FULL AGREEMENT FROM ALL PARTIES. IF NOT, THE JOINT PRO-
POSAL WOULD APPEAR TO INVOLVE THE UN FORCE NOT ONLY IN
SEPARATION OF THE OPPOSING FORCES, BUT IN DIRECT POLICE
ACTION. GOLDSCHLAG SAID HE ASSUMED THAT WE WERE NOT AT

THIS POINT REQUESTING CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE FORCE (WE CONFIRMED) BUT NOTED THAT CANADA WOULD HAVE A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE FORMULATION OF THIS POINT AS A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL "WITH A PEACE-KEEPING VOCATION." HE ASKED FOR ANY CLARIFICATION WE COULD GIVE HIM THIS WEEK OF THE PRECISE DUTIES ENVISAGED FOR THE ZIMBABWE FORCE.

4. GOLDSCHLAG ASKED WHAT DEGREE OF AGREEMENT WE WOULD REQUIRE BEFORE GOING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE REPLIED THAT THAT WAS CLEARLY A MATTER OF JUDGMENT, BUT THAT AGREEMENT BY THE PARTIES WAS NOT SPECIFIED IN THE PROPOSAL AS A PREREQUISITE TO SECURITY COUNCIL REFERENCE.

5. GOLDSCHLAG ASKED IN WHAT WAY THE EXPANSION OF CURRENT SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA MIGHT IMPINGE ON SOUTH AFRICA. WOULD THE SECURITY COUNCIL CALL ON OTHER COUNTRIES TO WITHHOLD AMOUNTS OF ARMS AND OIL EQUIVALENT TO THOSE THOUGHT TO BE SUPPLIED BY SOUTH AFRICA TO RHODESIA? HE ASKED FOR ANY FURTHER DETAILS WE COULD GIVE HIM ON THIS POINT BEFORE THURSDAY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: CLARIFICATION OF POINTS RAISED IN PARAS 3 AND 5 ABOVE COULD ASSIST IN OBTAINING FAVORABLE REACTION FROM CANADIANS. ENDERS

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